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Airmen can submit dress, appearance ideas online

This week, top Air Force leaders came together for a two-day forum called CORONA. At the forum, Lt. Gen. Richard Newton III, deputy chief of staff for manpower, personnel and services at the Pentagon, announced that Airmen will now be able to submit ideas for improving dress and appearance standards to the new Virtual Uniform Board. This program allows individuals to submit uniform change requests through the Air Force's IDEA Program.

Once an idea is submitted it is then routed through the same channels as other IDEA suggestions. Major commands will have the ability to coordinate on ideas from Airmen in their command, and uniform change requests that successfully make it to Air Force Headquarters level will be reviewed by the Air Force Uniform Board. The first VUB will take place in early May.

This revolutionary process makes it easier for Airmen to submit suggestions and better define ideas. The Virtual Uniform Board will allow Air Force leadership to be more responsive to the field and provide more flexibility to board members while saving time and money.

The AFUB is chaired by General Newton, and board members include the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, and representatives from each MAJCOM and Air Staff Directorate. The AFUB reviews uniform change requests, then generates a list of recommendations to be forwarded to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force. Once the Chief of Staff makes a final decision, the results are announced and implementation plans are developed as required.

To submit a uniform change request, visit the IDEA Program website at https://ipds.csd.disa.mil (CAC required) and select "Submit a Uniform Change Request." Users must establish a username and password. Questions regarding dress and appearance standards should be directed to local leadership. For more information contact the Air Force Personnel Center Contact Center at (800) 616-3775 option 1, 1, 2.

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